Third World Congress on Environment Management

3563. PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the meeting of Third World Congress on Environment Management, organised by the World Environment Foundation, was held in collaboration with the Ministry in Simla in the middle of June, 2001; and

(b) if so, what are the details of decisions taken at the meet?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) and (b) The meeting of Third World Congress on Environment Management was not held in collaboration with this Ministry. However, it is learnt that several recommendations covering policy issues, market instrument, corporate social responsibility, legal framework, financing, technology transfer, energy from waste, action against ozone depleting substances, industrial health and monitoring of programme implementation have been made in the Congress. These include:

— Development of a national policy* and strategy on sustainable development & its implementation.

— Certification of ISO 14000 by industries.

— Development of Himalayan Policy for integrated development of mountain region.

— Harmonization of global environmental standards.

— Financing of environmental programmes through international funding agencies like GEF, Eco-Invest of European Union.

Transfer of Adivasi land in Chhattisgarh

† 3564. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the facts regarding transfer of Adivasi land in Chhattisgarh;

(b) whether Government have asked the Chhattisgarh Government to enact legislation to check transfer of Adivasi land;

(c) what are the details regarding Adivasis in Jashpur district of the State whose land is under illegal possession, till today; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.